

LASALLE



PARISH

“...the health of a community is a shared responsibility of many entities, organizations and interests in the community, including health services delivery organizations, public health agencies, other public and private entities and the people of a community.”

– Institute of Medicine. 1996. *Healthy Communities: New Partnerships for the Future of Public Health*. National Academy Press. p. 12


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LaSalle Parish

LaSalle Information

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History¹

LaSalle Parish was created out of Catahoula Parish on January 1, 1910. The new parish was named in honor of the great French explorer who took formal possession of "all the lands drained by the Mississippi and the tributaries thereof in the name of King Louis XIV in the year 1682."

Culture and Recreation³

Urania Park and Jena Public Park offer serene surroundings for relaxation and play. Catahoula Lake, located in Jena, is unique among all the lakes in Louisiana because of its size, topography, drastic seasonal water fluctuations, and plant zones. White Sulphur Springs, listed on the National Register of Historic Place, was operated as a health spa during the mid-1800s. Its popularity grew quickly, and by 1850 the springs location boasted a town of sorts, with two large hotels, a livery stable, a cotton gin, a grist mill, a post office, and a school. Time passed, however, and today only the octagon-shaped building covering the bubbling sulphur spring still stands. Of special interest is the Henry E. Hardtner Memorial, honoring the father of reforestation in the South, who founded Urania Lumber Company in 1898, located in Urania Park. LaSalle Parish also offers many festivals, arts & crafts exhibitions, along with one of the oldest fairs in the state.



Parish Seat¹ Jena¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

None

Parish Population²

1990 13,662

1997 (estimate) 14,081

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White 89%

African American 10%

Other 1%

Male 47%

Female 53%

Population age 0-4 6%

Population age 65 & Over 17%



Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation	157 ft.
Land area in square miles	623.9
Water area in square miles ⁴	38.5

Climate²

Average temperatures	
Annual	66°
January	51°
July	80°
Annual average rainfall	71.2 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian	5,700
Employed	5,290
Unemployed	410
Unemployment	7.2%

Agriculture¹

Soybeans, cotton, corn, peas, sugarcane, potatoes and hay.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Louisiana College, Pineville

Louisiana State University, Alexandria

Public Libraries⁵ 2

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Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	3.5%
High school graduate or higher	61.0%
Some college or higher	20.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	7.9%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

Private Employers

Louisiana Pacific Corporation (Plywood)	500
Justiss Oil Company, Inc. (Drilling contractors)	425
Holloway Sportswear (Jackets)	130

Public Employers

LaSalle Parish School Board (Education)	370
LaSalle General Hospital (Medical)	190
LaSalle Nursing Home (Elderly care)	105

Poverty and Income

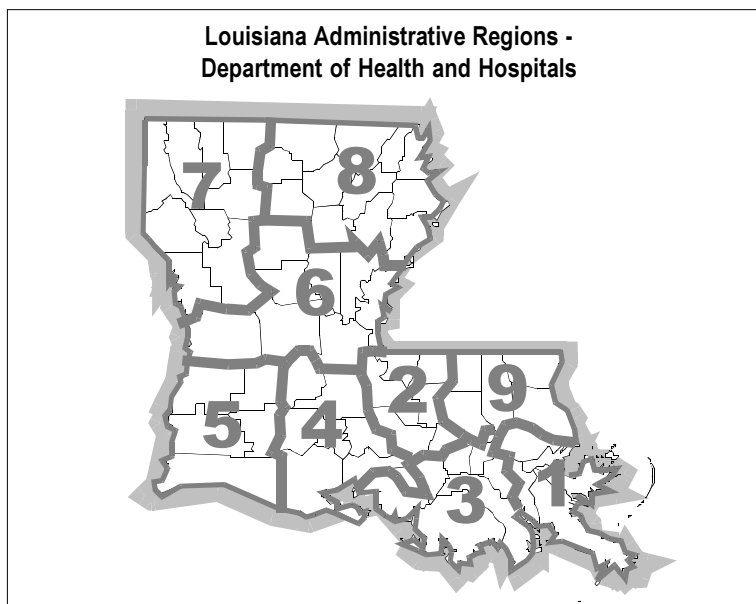
Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	17.3%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	23.9%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$15,109



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⁷ U.S. Bureau of the Census. 1998. keywords: people, poverty, small area income and poverty estimates
<http://www.census.gov>

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Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington